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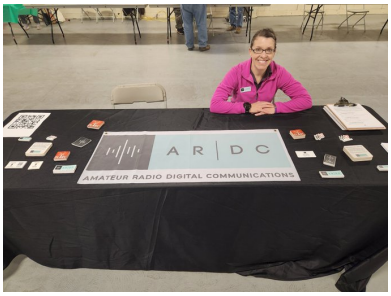
Upcoming Community Deadlines and Notices

- **Next Grant Application Deadline:** The first deadline for submitting a grant application in 2024 is **February 1**. Applications received after this date will be reviewed after April 1, 2024 (no fooling!), so get your applications in now.
- **Next Community Meeting:** Our next Community Meeting will be on **Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 10am PST / 6pm UTC**. If you're interested in attending, keep an eye out for the invite form, and stay tuned to our social media pages and ardc.groups.io for additional details!

What ARDC Has Been Up To



This month, Rebecca (KO4KVG) attended the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS) TechFest on January 13, 2024, in Lawrenceville, GA. Local GET member Ben Greve (KO4KVH) also attended. They met prospective grantees, as well as many folks that were interested in learning more about ARDC, and even a few long-time members of our 44Net community. Outside of the booth, Rebecca gave a forum, providing an overview of our Grants Program, along with some recent 44Net updates. It was great getting the word out about ARDC in the Peach State!

ARDC Welcomes Bob Witte (K0NR) to the ARDC Board of Directors!

The ARDC team is pleased to announce that on January 5, 2024, Bob Witte, K0NR, joined our Board of Directors.

Licensed since 1977, Witte developed an interest in amateur radio while pursuing his undergraduate studies. He is a member of several amateur radio organizations, including

ARRL, AMSAT, and QRP Amateur Radio Club International. He is actively involved in Parks on the Air (POTA), and he recently authored a chapter of *The Parks on the Air® Book*. He is also involved in Summits on the Air (SOTA), founding the SOTA-related Colorado 14er Event.

"I have worked with Bob Witte on the Grants Advisory Committee for 3 years," says ARDC Outreach Manager John Hays, K7VE. "He took over chairing the committee from me the last two years and brought significant improvements to the process. He is very knowledgeable and organized and will be a great asset to ARDC serving on the Board." …more

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New Committee Members for 2024

Welcome to a whole new year - and new volunteer teams for our four Advisory Committees! They are:

- Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) – reviews grant applications
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – works on 44Net-related projects and policies
- Conduct Review Committee (CRC) – helps to evaluate Code of Conduct incident reports
- **NEW for 2024** Grants Evaluation Team (GET) – evaluates and analyzes grant reports

These volunteers do significant work for the foundation. Our volunteers on the GAC, TAC, and CRC serve for at least one term, which runs from January to December, and committee members can serve up to three consecutive terms. As the GET is new and experimental, volunteers will be serving from January to June, with the possibility of a longer term if further evaluation work is needed.

As the 2023 term recently ended, we will be saying goodbye to some of our volunteers and welcoming in our new ones. Please join us in thanking our departing team members and welcoming the new folks to the ARDC team! …more

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Come See Us at HamCation and HamSCI!

ARDC will be out and about in February and March: you will be able to find our team at the following event(s):

- HamCation – February 9 - 11, 2024, Orlando, FL
- HamSCI – March 22 - 23, 2024, Cleveland, OH

Contact Us!

We always want to hear from you:

- Visit our website: ardc.net
- General info: contact@ardc.net
- Information and questions about grants: giving@ardc.net
- 44Net issues: contact@ardc.net

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ARDC's Mission

The mission of Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) is to support, promote, and enhance digital communication and broader communication science and technology, to promote amateur radio, scientific research, experimentation, education, development, open access, and innovation in information and communication technology.

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